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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FDA-2013-C-1008]

Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Synthetic Iron Oxide; Confirmation of Effective Date

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is confirming the effective date of April 21, 2015, for the final rule that appeared in the Federal Register of March 20, 2015, and that amended the color additive regulations to expand the permitted uses of synthetic iron oxide as a color additive to include use in soft and hard candy, mints, and chewing gum.

DATES: Effective date of final rule published in the Federal Register of March 20, 2015 (80 FR 14839) confirmed: April 21, 2015.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of March 20, 2015 (80 FR 14839), we amended the color additive regulations in § 73.200 Synthetic iron oxide (21 CFR

73.200) to expand the permitted uses of synthetic iron oxide as a color additive to include use in soft and hard candy, mints, and chewing gum.

We gave interested persons until April 20, 2015, to file objections or requests for a hearing. We received no objections or requests for a hearing on the final rule. Therefore, we find that the effective date of the final rule that published in the Federal Register of March 20, 2015, should be confirmed.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 73

Color additives, Cosmetics, Drugs, Foods, Medical devices.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321, 341, 342, 343, 348, 351, 352, 355, 361, 362, 371, 379e) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and redelegated to the Director, Office of Food Additive Safety, we are giving notice that no objections or requests for a hearing were filed in response to the March 20, 2015, final rule. Accordingly, the amendments issued thereby became effective April 21, 2015.

Dated: May 28, 2015.

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Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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